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1. In September 1953 a total of 40,401,418 kg of various goods were transported through the Czechoslovak-Austrian border stations Devinska Nova Ves (P49/X89) - Marchegg (P49/S70) in both directions. Of this quantity 22,990,183 kg in 1,082 carloads and 751 various containers went from Marchegg (Austria) to Devinska Nova Ves (Czechoslovakia), and 17,411,235 kg in 966 carloads and 8 containers went in the opposite direction. The following goods were involved:

✓ A. Metals	200,000kg in	10 carloads
✓ B. Finished metal goods	199,165kg in	12 carloads and 79 cases
✓ C. Chemicals	1,405,503kg in	108 carloads and 306 containers
✓ D. Liquid & hard fuels	33,576,950kg in	1,570 carloads
✓ E. Textiles	29,677kg in	3 carloads
✓ F. Foodstuffs	1,030,672kg in	73 carloads and 248 cases
✓ G. Lumber	3,218,120kg in	220 carloads
✓ H. Other items	741,331kg in	52 carloads and 126 cases
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,401,418kg in</b>	<b>2,048 carloads and 759 various containers</b>

Apport from this 935 empty tankers went through the two border stations, 917 of them from Poland to Austria for refilling, and 18 in the opposite direction.

2. Shipments in the direction Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves during September 1953 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	200,000	10	-	-	200,000	10
B.	31,094	1	66,614	4	92,521	5	190,229	10
C.	282,130	18	-	-	395,410	23	677,540	41
D.	-	-	21,401,250	982	-	-	21,401,250	982
E.	-	-	13,205	1	-	-	13,205	1
F.	397,662	32	-	-	-	-	397,662	32
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	88,291	4	11,319	1	10,687	1	110,297	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>799,177</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>21,692,388</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>498,618</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22,990,183</b>	<b>1,082</b>

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These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Austria:		Italy:		Switzerland:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	200,000	10	-	-	200,000	10
B.	120,796	6	69,433	4	-	-	190,229	10
C.	493,445	29	111,360	7	72,735	5	677,540	41
D.	21,401,250	982	-	-	-	-	21,401,250	982
E.	-	-	13,205	1	-	-	13,205	1
F.	1,512	-	396,150	32	-	-	397,662	32
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	93,455	4	10,292	1	6,560	1	110,297	6
Total	22,110,458	1,021	800,430	55	79,295	6	22,990,183	1,082

3. The imports to Czechoslovakia via Marchegg - Devínska Nova Ves were composed of:

- a. Finished retail goods 31,094 kg  
in one carload and 64 cases from Austria
- (1) Sheet aluminum 369 kg  
in two cases from Braunau a. Inn  
to Devínska Nova Ves
- (2) Iron construction parts 30,725 kg  
from Siering to Dubnica (P49/T69)  
8,790 kg in one carload  
from Vienna to Bratislava  
21,935 kg in 62 cases
- b. Chemicals 282,130 kg  
in 18 carloads and 305 containers. These came:
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| from Austria | 98,035 kg in six carloads & 305 containers |
| Switzerland  | 72,735 kg in five carloads                 |
| Italy        | 111,360 kg in seven carloads               |
- (1) Ethyl alcohol 64,410 kg  
in five carloads from Austria (Vienna)  
Destination:  
Devínska Nova Ves 11,410 kg in one carload  
Bratislava 25,000 kg in two carloads  
Rosice 28,000 kg in two carloads
- (2) Resin 5,750 kg  
in 25 barrels from Austria (Atzgorsdorf)  
to Devínska Nova Ves
- (3) Butanol 14,895 kg  
in one carload from Austria (Vienna)  
to Devínska Nova Ves
- (4) Chemicals (unspecified) 12,980 kg  
in 200 containers from Austria (Vienna)  
to Devínska Nova Ves
- (5) Chloric acid 72,735 kg  
in five tankers from Switzerland (Buchs)  
Destination:  
Ruzomberok (Q50/C09) 14,760 kg in one tanker  
Zilina (Q50/C02) 57,975 kg in four tankers
- (6) Crystallite 30,000 kg  
in two carloads from Italy (Tarvisio)  
to Svätý Kríž nad Hronom (Q49/C54)

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✓(7) Electrode coal paste 81,360 kg  
in five carloads from Italy (Tarvisio)  
to Devinska Nova Ves

c. Foodstuffs 397,662 kg  
in 32 carloads and 248 cases. These cargo:  
from Italy (Tarvisio) 396,150 kg in 32 carloads and  
241 cases  
from Austria (Vienna) 1,512 kg in seven cases

(1) Lemons 384,292 kg  
in 32 carloads from Italy to  
Devinska Nova Ves

(2) Almonds 11,346 kg  
in 227 sacks from Italy to Bratislava

(3) Groceries (unspecified) 2,024 kg  
from Italy to  
Devinska N. Ves 512 kg in 14 boxes  
from Austria to  
Bratislava 1,512 kg in 7 cases

1. Other items 88,291 kg  
in four carloads and 18 cases from Austria (Vienna)

(1) Washing soap 84,880 kg  
in four carloads to Devinska Nova Ves

(2) Collective consignments 3,411 kg  
in 18 cases to Dubnica

2. The goods consigned to Poland consisted chiefly of the following two items:

✓a. Metals (zinc ore) 260,000 kg  
in 10 carloads from Italy (Tarvisio) to Chalupki

b. Liquid fuels 21,401,250 kg  
in 982 tankers from Austria (Vienna)

(1) Crude oil 16,238,240 kg  
in 793 tankers  
Destinations:  
Trzebinda 13,481,150 kg in 650 tankers  
Jedlice 2,757,060 kg in 133 tankers

✓(2) Gas oil 3,742,330 kg  
in 147 tankers to Slawicice

✓(3) Petroleum 1,420,680 kg  
in 52 tankers to Liranowa

Apart from this there were three carloads (56,832 kg) of auto spare parts, one carload (9,185 kg) of iron ball bearings, three cases (597 kg) of unspecified iron goods, one carload (13,205 kg) of artificial silk, 25 cases (2,275 kg) of electrical equipment spare parts (unspecified), and 8,007 kg of collective consignments in one carload and 36 boxes, all from Italy (Tarvisio) to Zebrydowice.

5. The goods consigned to Hungary consisted chiefly of chemicals and finished metal goods.

a. Chemicals (ragpaperite bricks) 395,410 kg  
in 13 carloads from Austria

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- b. Finished metal goods 92,521 kg  
in five carloads (from Austria) and five cases (from Italy). These contained:
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| iron ware (unrecified)     | 67,236 kg from Austria |
| steel rods                 | 22,466 kg from Austria |
| molded steel (Passonstahl) | 2,819 kg from Italy    |

Apart from this there was one carload (6,560 kg) of brooms from Switzerland, and 40 cases (4,127 kg) of collective consignments from Austria.

6. Shipments in the direction Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg during September 1953 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Austria:		Switzerland:		Italy:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	1,414	1	-	-	7,522	1	8,936	2
C.	123,713	12	129,850	10	472,400	45	727,963	67
D.	12,175,700	588	-	-	-	-	12,175,700	588
E.	10,852	1	-	-	5,620	1	16,472	2
F.	-	-	30,480	2	602,530	39	633,010	41
G.	-	-	250,625	20	2,967,495	200	3,218,120	220
H.	414,198	27	33,930	5	182,906	14	631,034	46
Total	12,727,877	629	444,885	37	4,238,473	300	17,411,235	966

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		E. Germany:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	1,414	1	-	-	7,522	1	8,936	2
C.	623,863	60	-	-	104,100	7	727,963	67
D.	12,175,700	588	-	-	-	-	12,175,700	588
E.	16,472	2	-	-	-	-	16,472	2
F.	572,530	37	-	-	60,480	4	633,010	41
G.	3,218,120	220	-	-	-	-	3,218,120	220
H.	358,178	25	170,700	8	102,156	13	631,034	46
Total	16,966,277	933	170,700	8	274,258	25	17,411,235	966

7. The exports from Czechoslovakia via Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg were composed of:

- a. Finished metal goods 1,414 kg  
in one carload and seven boxes to Austria
- (1) Steel ball bearings 414 kg  
in seven boxes from Devinska N. Ves to Vienna
- (2) Two-wheel bearing (sic) 1,000 kg  
in one carload from Trnava (P49/T22) to Saalfelden
- b. Charcoal 623,863 kg  
in 60 carloads (45 to Italy, 12 to Austria, three to Switzerland)
- (1) Charcoal 536,400 kg  
in 54 carloads (41 to Italy, 11 to Austria, two to Switzerland). Dispatch stations:  
Munsta (P49/D33) 436,400 kg in 44 carloads  
Smolenice (P49/T13) 100,000 kg in 10 carloads

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| Pontebba (Italy)         | 300,400 kg in 31 carloads |
| Bodio                    | 100,000 kg in 10 carloads |
| Buchs (Switzerland)      | 10,000 kg in 1 carload    |
| Basel                    | 10,000 kg in 1 carload    |
| Konkordianette (Austria) | 110,000 kg in 11 carloads |
- (2) Cellulose 66,000 kg  
in four carloads to Italy (Pontebba)  
from Ruzorberok
- (3) Bleaching powder 15,000 kg  
in one carload to Vienna from Bratislava
- (4) Resin 5,750 kg  
in one carload to Switzerland (Buchs)  
from Devinska Nova Ves
- (5) Lactic acid 713 kg  
in one container to Vienna from Sereď (P49/T31)
- c. Fuels (hard coal) 12,175,700 kg  
in 588 carloads to Vienna from the Ostrava coal basin
- d. Textiles (cotton material) 16,472 kg  
in two carloads (one to Vienna, one to Trieste)  
from Rybar Pole (Q50/C99)
- e. Foodstuffs (barley) 572,530 kg  
in 37 carloads to Italy from various stations in Slovakia
- f. Lumber 3,312,120 kg  
in 220 carloads from various stations in Slovakia
- (1) Tree trunks 2,340,445 kg  
in 159 carloads (139 to Italy,  
20 to Switzerland)
- (2) Cut lumber 863,725 kg  
in 60 carloads to Trieste
- (3) Irrigated wood 13,950 kg  
in one carload to Italy
- g. Other items 358,172 kg  
in 24 carloads (10 to Austria, five to Italy,  
one to Switzerland)
- (1) Sheet glass 140,109 kg  
in eight carloads to Vienna from:  
Ratenice (N51/P24) 32,659 kg in 2 carloads  
Olšovci (N51/P49) 67,190 kg in 4 carloads  
Dachov (N51/P23) 40,109 kg in 2 carloads
- (2) Hollow glass 5,240 kg  
in one carload to Vienna from Lednicke  
Rovne (P50/C60)
- (3) Bottles 4,400 kg  
in one carload to Switzerland (Buchs)  
from Lednicke Rovne
- (4) Washing soap 110,220 kg  
in five carloads (four to Trieste, one to  
Italy) from Devinska Nova Ves

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(5) Paper 93,149 kg  
in nine carloads to Austria (Arnoldstein)  
from Ruzomberok

(6) Personal effects 5,000 kg  
in one carload to Vienna from Topolcany  
(P49/T44)

8. ✓ The only item shipped from Eastern Germany (Hohenbocka) were eight carloads (170,000 kg) of sand to Austria (K8flach). There were no shipments from Poland during September 1953.

9. Shipments from Hungary via Devinska Nova Ves - Marchegg consisted of:

a. ✓ Finished metal goods (bicycle spare parts) 7,522 kg  
in one carload to Trieste from Csepel

b. Chemicals 104,100 kg  
in seven carloads to Switzerland (Buchs).  
These contained:

✓ zinc paint	4,100 kg in 1 carload
✓ ammonium sulphate	35,000 kg in 2 carloads
✓ starch	15,000 kg in 1 carload
✓ chemicals (unrecified)	50,000 kg in 3 carloads

c. Foodstuffs 60,480 kg  
in four carloads. These contained:

✓ malt	30,480 kg in 2 carloads to Switzerland
✓ green peas	30,000 kg in 2 carloads to Italy

d. Other items 102,156 kg  
in 13 carloads. These contained:

bone flour	10,000 kg in 1 carload to Switzerland
brooms	19,530 kg in 3 carloads to Switzerland
parquet flooring	44,300 kg in 3 carloads to Italy
radio sets	28,326 kg in 6 carloads to Trieste

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1. ☐ Comment: Coordinates cannot be supplied as there are several Rosice in Czechoslovakia. No chemical factory can be traced here in any of them.

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